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INFO AMEMBASSY SANA

S E C R E T JIDDA 1804

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, YE, US

SUBJECT: MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE YAR

REF: (A) JIDDA 1773, (B) SANA 811

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD BIN FAISAL THIS MORNING RECALLED CONVERSATIONS AND EFFORTS SAUDIS HAD MADE TO INDUCE UNITED STATES TO APPROVE AND SHIP TO THE YAR CERTAIN LIST OF ARMS (REFTEL). HE SAID PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN BECAUSE US EXPECTED A LETTER FROM THE YEMENIS TO THE EFFECT THAT THESE ARMS WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY. THIS PROCEDURE CREATES PROBLEM FOR THE SAG BECAUSE YAR HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT THEY ARE NOT GETTING ARMS FROM THE US GOVERNMENT BUT RATHER FROM THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT WHICH IS PAYING FOR THEM. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WAS REQUESTING THAT WE ACCEPT A LETTER FROM THE SAUDIS INSTEAD OF THE YEMENIS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SAUDI ASSURANCES THAT THE WEAPONS WOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY. IN EFFECT SAUDIS WOULD THUS MEET US CONCERNS ON THAT SUBJECT.

2. THE MINISTER INFORMED ME THEN THAT "UNLESS HE HEARD FROM US IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THIS SUBJECT HE WOULD INFORM SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTRY THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE TO US."

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I QUESTIONED HIM AS TO THE EXACT MEANING OF THIS STATEMENT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TELLING ME THAT THE MATTER WAS CONSIDERED  
PENDING BY THE SAG UNTIL HE CAN TELL THEM ABOUT THE NATURE OF  
OUR REPLY TO HIS REQUEST.

3. THE MINISTER THEN SAID HE URGED STRONGLY THAT WE GET  
AN IMPACT PACKAGE TO THE YEMENIS, OR AT LEAST NOTIFY THEM THAT  
IT IS EN ROUTE, PRIOR TO PRINCE SULTAN'S ARRIVAL IN THE  
YAR ON APRIL 10.  
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